

## Alexander James Dallas to Andrew Jackson, March 14, 1815, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

### THE SECRETARY OF WAR (ALEXANDER J. DALLAS)<sup>1</sup> TO JACKSON.

<sup>1</sup> Dallas, Secretary of the Treasury, was Secretary of War *ad interim* from Mar. 14 to Aug. 8, 1815.

Department of War, March 14, 1815.

*Sir:* By the act of Congress fixing the military peace establishment of the United States, only two Major Generals can be retained in the service; the President, fully impressed with your merit, has decided to continue you as one of those Major Generals, should it comport with your own views; of this he requests to be advised as soon as you shall have decided on the subject. From motives of delicacy towards others, I wish you to consider this communication as strictly confidential.

I have the honor to be sir